



Indiana Massey Collectors Association

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## IMCA Spring Meeting March 21- Mays, Indiana

It is hard to believe March is just around the corner! And with March comes many of the reorganizational meetings for the Massey collectors across the country. Indiana is no exception.

The Indiana Massey Collectors Association will hold its Annual Spring Meeting on Saturday March 21, 2015 at the Center Christian Church Fellowship Hall, near Mays, Indiana. The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with fellowship and stories of the long cold winter!!

At 12:00 noon we will stop long enough to enjoy another Hoosier specialty— our pitch-in lunch. IMCA will provide the meats, drinks and table service. You bring a basket full of your favorite recipes of good foods and desserts!

After lunch we will conduct a short meeting to bring everyone up to date on the happenings around the State with regard to IMCA. One of the main agenda items will be the IMCA State Show held in conjunction with the White River Valley Antique Tractor Show in Elнора, Indiana.

During the meeting we will also be electing

new members of IMCA Board of Directors and making plans for some Fall activities.

Mark your calendar for March 21, 2015 to spend another fun filled day visiting with your fellow Massey collectors!

A special thanks goes out to the Paul Wilkinson and Tom Tague families for hosting this event! Thank you!!

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DIRECTIONS: Mays is located just North of Rushville, Indiana.

The actual address is:

Center Christian Church  
9112 North 50 West, Knightstown, IN

From North or South on Indiana State Road 3 travel to County Road 900 North (flasher light).

Turn West onto 900 North.

Travel .5 miles to 50 West and turn North (right).

The Fellowship Hall will be on your right. Please enter on the East side of the building.

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### TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF!

**Complete the enclosed questionnaire and send it in so we know a little about you, your family and your collecting hobby!**

# Notes From Our President

**John W. Bush—IMCA President**

## **A message from the President**

Greetings fellow IMCA members. As I pen this edition, I am sitting here in my office, looking out across the brown grass, and the brown alfalfa field, under a dreary gray sky on a cold winter day, and wondering if tonight's "weather event" will bring any significant snow accumulation... How long until spring?? Right now it seems like time is flying by, yet standing still all at the same time. On one hand, January of 2015 has already passed... On the other hand, I'm already over winter, and anxiously awaiting spring to get here! Have I mentioned lately that spring is my favorite time of year?

Perhaps after I am retired from Cummins I will get things better set up for working on the old tractors during the winter months, as well as have more time to do so. Right now I find it really difficult to get myself motivated to go out to the shop, get things heated up, etc. after getting home around 6:00 pm from a full day's work at Cummins. I guess I will find out next year. I am officially going to retire from Cummins on June 30, 2015, after 33 years there following 7 years I put in at Caterpillar. I think 40 years of Engineering work in Corporate America is probably enough.

Speaking of Spring, we have our annual Spring Meetings coming up. The MCA Spring meeting will be held in Rock Island, IL on March 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by our own IMCA Spring Meeting on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The IMCA Spring Meeting will be held at the Center Christian Church Fellowship Hall, near Mays, Indiana. Look for directions and more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

One of the key agenda items at our Spring Meeting is election of Board of Directors. There are two Board positions up for election this year. Those are currently held by Tom Tague and Randall Schaefer. Tom will be running for re-election, but Randall is serving his second term, so as per our by-laws he is not eligible to run again. Many thanks to Randall for his years of service as Board member, and for all the help he has provided to the organization. We



look forward to his continued active participation as an IMCA member.

With Randall rolling off the Board, we need at least one new person to step up, and run for election to the IMCA Board of Directors. If you are interested, please let our Nominating Committee Chair Garry Ryan know, or me, or any one of the current Board of Directors or Officers. If you have any questions or concerns about becoming a Director – please don't hesitate to give me a call and we can talk about it.

Our 2015 IMCA State Show will be held in conjunction with the White River Valley Antique Association's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Show, held at the Daviess County Fairgrounds, Elnora, IN. The dates are September 10-13, 2015 – the weekend after Labor Day. Show Committee members are: Gary Emsweller, Tom Tague, Randall Schaefer, Glynn Graham, and myself. While perhaps not as big a challenge as the Massey Exposition of North America we hosted in 2014, we still want to put on a good state show, and will need everyone's help to do so. Please contact any of these committee members to let them know how you would like to help!

I really hope to see a good turn-out of all you Massey folks for the Spring Meeting. The meeting itself is just a small part of the event. Moreover it is a good chance to visit with your fellow Massey collectors, hear about latest acquisitions, discuss mechanical/restoration challenges, and enjoy a hearty pitch-in meal with good friends.

I look forward to seeing many of you there!

A handwritten signature of John W. Bush in black ink. The signature is cursive and stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**INDIANA SPRING MEETING  
MARCH 21**

# ***IMCA Spring Meeting Agenda***

## **Indiana Massey Collectors Association**

**Spring General Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 21, 2015**  
**Center Christian Church Fellowship Hall, near Mays, IN**

### **Agenda:**

11:00 – 12:00 Noon – Arrive, set up food service, visit.

12:00 Noon – Pitch-in lunch with meat/drinks provided by IMCA

1:15-ish pm - Call to Order – John Bush

Remembrance of club members passed away – John Bush / Floor

Secretary's Report – Paul Wilkinson  
(From November 8, 2014 Fall General Meeting)

Treasurer's Report – Gary Emsweller

Membership Report – Gary Emsweller

MCA Update – Mike Jones

Nominating Committee – Garry Ryan  
- Election of two (2) IMCA Board Members

Old Business:

- Newsletter – Gary Emsweller
- 2015 IMCA Show Planning Discussion – Committee chair (?)
  - Appoint Banquet Committee Chair
  - Appoint Auction Committee Chair
  - Appoint IMCA Table/Social Hub Committee Chair
  - Appoint Decorations Committee Chair

New Business:

- Applications for 2016 – 2018 IMCA Shows?
- Fall meeting / get-together - Any early volunteers to host?
- Other – From the floor

Final Comments from the floor

Adjournment

***Indiana Massey Collectors Association***

**Spring Meeting**

**11:00 am to 3:30 pm March 21, 2015**

**Mays, Indiana**

# MF 1155 and 3-point hitch woes...

By John Bush

The Spirit of America MF 1155 and 3-point hitch woes...

Many of you have seen or are aware of the MF 1155 I purchased last year that is painted-up like the “Spirit of America” 1976 model with Stars, Stripes, and red/white/blue colors. But you probably don’t know just how that actually came to happen...



several things, such as “You needed a 140 hp tractor to move snow?”; or “You expect us to believe you bought that 1155 just to move snow?”... Yeah, well...

Fast forward to this past fall when I first discovered that the 3-point hitch wasn’t working. That is a bit of an impediment to using a 3-pt blade for

snow removal... I could force the 3-pt arms down with the loader tractor, and they would raise right back up, but they would not go down on their own. I discussed the issue with one of the mechanics at an MF Dealership, and he suspected the linkages were just rusted and stiff from none use. I did some investigation of the linkages, and became convinced that wasn’t the case. I was sure I was looking for some sort of hydraulic issue.

As most will recall, the winter of 2013-2014 was particularly brutal for central Indiana, with a lot of snow, a lot of wind blowing that snow around, and very cold, sub-zero temperatures. I live back a ¼-mile north-south lane, across which snow tends to drift – especially with winds out of the west. And, most of our winds out here are out of the SW or NW... To exacerbate that last year, the field west of the lane had been in soybeans – so there weren’t any post-harvest corn stalks to slow down the movement of snow from the field to the lane.

As a result of all that, there were many cold mornings, with wind chills well below 0 degrees, where I had to get out of bed well before breakfast, put on my warmest winter clothes, fire up the loader tractor with grader blade and clear a path down the lane for both Marlene and I to go to work. Not at all pleasant, and very hard on the face and fingers doing all of this without a cab or heat-houser. My dear wife, bless her heart, suggested that I really should have a tractor with a cab for doing that winter snow removal work. Of course, I saw this as a green light, and quickly agreed!

I started watching all the usual websites and paper ads for decent, “suitably sized” tractor with a good cab which could become my snowplow tractor. It was during this search that I spotted the MF 1155. It was located in Minnesota, so I couldn’t just run over a take a look at it. It was listed in an on-line estate sale, so I couldn’t talk to the owner. I did talk to the neighbor who claimed to be the mechanic, and he assured me everything was in good working order on this tractor. I also saw a short video of the tractor running and in motion. Next thing you know, I had bought it! Now some of you are probably thinking

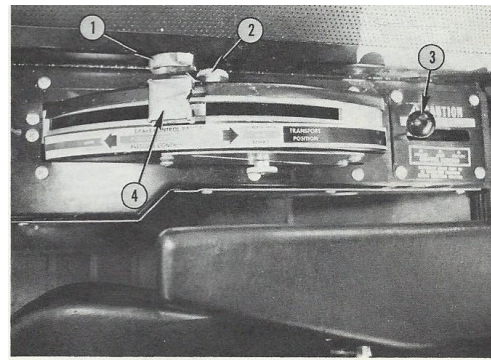


Fig. 35 — Hydraulic Control Quadrant

1. Adjustable Locator
2. Adjustable Locator Lock
3. Control Selector Lever
4. Quadrant Lever

On the 1155, there is a position selector behind the 3-pt raise/lower control. It has 3 selections: Position Control; Draft Control; and Pressure Control. From in the cab, it appeared this selector lever was in the Position Control location, which is where I wanted it to be. However, upon further review standing behind the tractor – movement of that selector lever in the cab was not resulting in any movement of the linkage below the cab. Hmmm...

So, out come the wrenches. After removing the side panels from the hydraulic controls console,



Fig. 32 — Control Selector Lever

I discovered the problem. In what I would consider a very poor design, the support and pivot point for this selector lever is a small “L-shaped bracket” which was spot welded to the side support. Hopefully most of the 1155s Massey built had a better weld job than this one – which had broken off. According to what I could read in the Operators Manual, the printing on the decal next to this selector lever clearly states that the 3-point must be in the fully raised position before changing the selector lever position. Turns out this isn’t just a friendly suggestion. The design of the mechanism is such that it physically can’t change positions unless the 3-pt is raised all the way up. That decal, of course, had been painted over on this tractor. Looks like some person of reasonable strength had probably tried to force the selector when not in raised position, and broke-off the bracket.

My solution to getting the bracket back in place was to drill a couple of holes and mount it using a couple of 1/4” bolts. I had to remove the seat in order to make room to do this, and still had to get myself in a bit of an awkward position. But I got ‘er done! Having completed this, I determined that the selector was actually in the “Pressure Control” position. Now I had hopes that by getting it into “Position Control”, perhaps the 3-pt would go up and down as



Fig. 34 — Control Selector Lever

it should. But, not so fast... With the bracket back in place, and the 3-pt fully raised, I could not move the lever from in the cab. It clearly hadn’t been moved in quite some time, and not since before the paint job. It took a little friendly persuasion from a hammer and brass drift under the cab to move the selector into Position Control.

So, now that it truly is in Position Control, time to test the theory. I fired the old girl up, backed her out of the shop, and pushed the 3-point lever forward. Success! The 3-point arms lowered on command, without any external forces. I attached my old 3-pt grader blade, and everything works as it should. Now she sits in the shop just waiting for that first big snow – which as of the end of January has not happened this winter... That’s okay. They always say the best offense is a good defense. Being well prepared for the cold and snow has so far kept it from happening this winter. If it continues to work that way the rest of the winter, that will be fine by me.

If it does ever snow us in again, and I need to employ the MF 1155 to plow out the lane, as one of my co-workers says: “I’ll have the best looking snow plow tractor in the county.” JB



## Thank You Ken Hayden!!

You never know what you might find in the envelopes people mail with their memberships!!

It was a pleasant surprise to find a packet of U.S. Postage Stamps in the envelope of Ken Hayden recently! I am not sure how many years he has been doing this but I know we received them last year, as well!

It is not always money that makes organizations like IMCA go around!

Thank you Ken for your kind donation. This mailing will be dedicated to Ken because he paid the entire postage expense for this newsletter!!

Thank you Ken!

# Finally!! Some New Toy Tractors!!

*By Gary Emsweller*

Finally a company has created some new 1/16th scale Massey toys!!! These have been a long time coming but they have finally realized there are more than just John Deere and IH collectors out here!!

Now for the new line of tractors from **Spec-Cast!!!**

The first tractor out is the Massey Ferguson 1150. This tractor was produced for the **Toy Tractor Times** magazine. **TTT** has a tractor each year but it has been many years since it was a Massey. I think the last one was a crude little Pony.



there!!

This tractor will cost you from \$70.00 to about \$90.00 plus shipping. Model Number SCT 491.

The second release is the same Massey Ferguson 1150 tractor w/duals for the **Toy Tractor Times**. This is very special because they only made a handful of these tractors. They have become known as "Chase" tractors. They are randomly put into shipping boxes with the regular **TTT** tractors, so it is somewhat luck (and knowing dealers) to be able to get one.

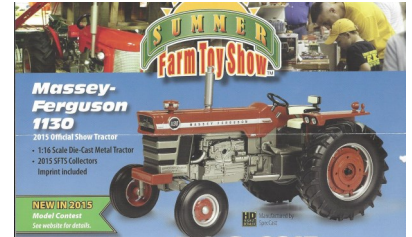
The only real difference between the two tractors is the ROPS. The Chase tractor has a shade cover on the top. Unfortunately it is eerily painted with, what looks to be, IH cream!!



The 1150 is definitely not crude!! It is highly detailed with dual wheels and ROPS. You can almost hear the big V-8 sitting there purring along. This is an exceptional toy for any one's collection. They are hard to find but they are out

The "Chase" tractor will cost somewhere over \$100.00 plus shipping. It is nice!! Model Number SCT 492.

The third tractor is again made by Spec Cast and is the 2015 Summer Farm Toy Show model. It is a Massey Ferguson 1130. It has single rear wheels and rear weights. Again this will be a very nice collectible for someone's shelf.. It will be available after the Summer Farm Toy Show in June. Model Number SCT 509.



The fourth tractor will be a shelf model of the Massey Ferguson 1100 tractor. It should be the least expensive but it will still be in the \$65 - \$75 range. It might already be available? I just have not looked for it yet. Model Number SCT 497.

## Coming Soon!!

Something you might also be watching for in the toy tractor line will be various versions of the Massey Harris 44 that will be released by Universal Hobbies. They have become a major toy maker with quality detailed models. These tractors will hold some significant "value" because the models used by Universal Hobbies were from our very own John Bush and his large collection of 44 variations. I have not heard what variations they will be making, but you can be assured one of them will be the 44 Standard.

**Check out your IMCA newsletter and other information on the MCA web site:**

**[www.masseycollectors.com](http://www.masseycollectors.com)**

**More pictures of these toy tractors and other can be found in the web site discussion area. Check it out today!!**

# **MCA Spring Meeting**

## **March 13-14, 2015 Rock Island, Illinois**

Our winter fix of Massey's is coming to Rock Island, Illinois March 13 & 14, 2015. If you have never been to an MCA Spring meeting this is a good opportunity for you!!

This Spring gathering brings Massey folks from across the country together to share their winter challenges, discuss their new finds, and have a good time.

Friday events will include a banquet hall filled with exhibits, merchandise and great information for us collectors. Plans also include a tour to the John Deere Combine facilities on Friday afternoon.

Saturday will offer seminars about various topics from

restorations to using the internet!! The afternoon will include a general meeting to hear reports of the past year and plans for the new year. There will be an election of national board members at this meeting as well.

The day will conclude with a delicious dinner and a huge auction. Bring something to donate and plan to buy others items that have been donated. It is a fun evening!

See the MCA Clipper newsletter for hotel and meal reservations.

### ***Massey Collectors Association Spring Meeting***

**March 13-14, 2015**

**Rock Island, Illinois**

***Great opportunity to get involved on the National level and meet fellow Massey Collectors from across the country***

## **BUY - SELL - TRADE**

***If you have anything to BUY - SELL - TRADE send it to us!! Some fellow Massey Collector just might have what you want or can lend a helping hand!***

**For Sale - Massey Ferguson 65** w/loader & backhoe. Everything works. Great tractor for digging & moving snow & soil. It does need brakes tightened. Runs good, sheet metal straight, excellent tires. \$4000.00 obo Gary Emsweller 765-745-7949. MasseyH@aol.com

**For Sale: Massey Harris 7A** corn binder, also an older corn binder, stored inside. 507-532-6120 H, 507-530-0840 C. Victor Sinave. MN.

**For Sale - 1952 Massey Harris 22** RC NF. Ready for work or restoration. Good tires. \$1200.00 obo. Gary Emsweller 765-745-7949. MasseyH@aol.com

**For Sale - Massey Harris Ferguson 202** Work Bull w/ Davis loader. Everything works. Great tractor for moving snow & soil. Runs good, sheet metal straight, fair tires. \$4000.00 obo Gary Emsweller 765-745-7949. MasseyH@aol.com

**Wanted: Massey Harris** Belt Pulley (16"x8") with complete housing for MH 555. Will return messages. 260-749-2162 (IN) Garry Culy

# Massey Calendar of Events

*(Indiana Shows, MCA Chapter Events and State Shows)*

Mar 13-14, 2015 **MCA** Spring Meeting

Mar 21, 2015 **IMCA SPRING MEETING**

Jun 11-13, 2015 **Massey** Days Reunion

July 16-19, 2015 **MHFCO** State Show

Jul 31-Aug 2, 2015 **MFCW** State Show

Aug 7-9, 2015 **MASSEY EXPOSITION OF NORTH AMERICA**

Aug 13-16, 2015 **MO MCA** State Show

Aug 21-23, 2015 **Iowa MCA** State Show

Sept 10-13, 2015 **IMCA STATE SHOW**

Sept 26-27, 2-15 **ILMCA STATE SHOW**

Rock Island, IL

Mays, IN

Baraboo, WI

Plain City, OH

Burnett Corners, WI

Chambersburg, PA

Hamilton, MO

Cedar Fall, IA

Elnora, IN

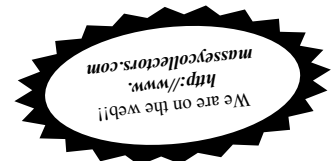
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“ Old Masseys collect the  
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